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GOD BLESS THY YEAR

Archie H. Hook
Superintendent and Minister

"God bless thy year
Thy coming in, thy going out,
Thy rest, thy traveling about,
The rough, the smooth—
The bright, the drear—
God bless thy year."

We have many real needs as we come to the New Year—this brand new year of 1957—but one of our greatest needs is for wisdom. Reread with me a part of the 28th Chapter of Job: "Man putteth forth his hand unto the rocks; he overturneth mountains by the roots; he cutteth out rivers from among the rocks; he buildeth the floods from overflowing. That which is hidden, man bringeth to light, but where is wisdom to be found? Man knoweth not the price thereof."

Words like these might have been written yesterday. Certainly we have progressed scientifically and materially in the last 2,000 years, but what has been our spiritual progress? We work hard, but all too often feel a sense of frustration, and we find ourselves busy with things that seem hardly worth the doing. If there were only some way we could know that our work and our plans would really count.

In the first half of the 19th century there lived a harness-maker in a little French village near Paris. One day his small son, Louis, was playing near by and an awl struck his eyeball, blinding him in both eyes. He was sent to a school for the blind in Paris to study music, and while there created musical signs that could be read by blind people. It occurred to him that perforated dots in paper could serve that purpose, and could also be used for reading. He figured that it required only six dots to represent all the letters in the alphabet, and the finger could easily feel such a small group of dots. Thus it was that the Braille alphabet for the blind was created, by the blind boy, Louis Braille, who had the courage and wisdom to conquer seeming defeat.

Those who have a reasonable use of normal faculties have relatively no reason for frustration, but all of us feel our limitations at times. We feel that "the odds are against us," but what we are really saying is that we are not making the most of our opportunities as they come to us—we need wisdom. We need more understanding of how to live as human beings created in the image of God; more knowledge in the building of friendly relations between men, yes, and between nations.

Many years ago Thomas Dreier wrote a creed for his daily living. It is one worth adopting as we enter this New Year. "To awaken each morning with a smile brightening my face; to greet the day with reverance for the opportunities it contains; to approach my work with a clear mind; to hold ever before me, even in the doing of little things, the Ultimate Purpose toward which I am working; to meet men and women with laughter on my lips and love in my heart; to be gentle and kind and courteous through all the hours; to approach the night with the weariness that ever woos sleep and the joy that comes from work well done—this is how I desire to use wisely my days."

The spring ministers' retreat will be an outstanding occasion on February 12, 13, and at Pilgrim Firs. Above we see a group of ministers who attended the retreat this fa All ministers are urged to attend.

CONGREGATIONAL LIBRARY A TREASURE HOUSE

How many of us know that we have access to more than 200,000 books, pamphlets, includ ing the newest in theology, literature of the Bible, Homiletics, religious education, histor missions, church architecture, world affairs, biography, and a special collection of book on Congregational history through the Congregational Library, 14 Beacon Street, Boston Mass.? The ordinary public library does not have books in most of these categories. A the beautiful library Reading Room the best new religious books from England can be read and enjoyed. Not only ministers and laymen from our denomination, but people o all faiths take advantage of this fine service by sending lists requesting that books be sent to them one or more at a time. No fiction is available.

'How Does It Feel?"

ditor's Note: The Rev. Richard H. n was ordained as a Christian Min- and installed as Minister of our mond Beach Church on Sunday, No- ber 25, 1956. It was a most impressive wonderful service. The following le was written by Mr. Thom in the im Beacon, the Church's newsletter, following week. Your editor has re- d permission to reprint it in full for ssue of Congregational Way.)

hard H. Thom

"How does it feel?" is the way the question is always put when a man becomes a father or a woman becomes a mother, or a youth becomes a groom, or a maiden becomes a bride. "How does it feel?" to be a grandmother. In not one of these cases is there a to express an adequate answer. yet I have been asked the ques- enough times since Sunday ing last about my Ordination to east attempt an answer.

the first instance, that which el I think I must have in com- with all people who have ex- enced occasions which call forth question. At least a part of what el about the Ordination I also when Lois Jean became my and when David Reid became son. Life is now more complete it was before the event.

the second instance, there is the feeling that there is abso- y no turning back. The vows I are as sacred and binding—and ink moreso—than those taken by ide and groom on marriage or a er and mother on Baptism of r offspring. Husband and wife, nt and child, minister of the pel and the Church of Jesus ist; 'What God hath joined to- er let no man put asunder.'

the third instance, I feel that a stone has been reached, a mile- e which symbolizes the years of ming and yearning in adoles- e, the days and weeks of deci- and indecision at crucial points, years of preparation in study for the moment, and the past experience of having served as the pastor of three congregations as a student though not ordained. I feel that all this has now been recognized and in a sense justified. This does not mean that the struggle is over or all goals have been reached. It is rather written in the full recognition of a statement of the Apostle Paul, "Not that I have attained, but I press on toward the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

Are there any other feelings? Yes, there is a feeling of deep and abiding gratitude to those many persons who helped our Ordination Committee in the preparations and follow through on the Service and reception, a special gratitude to Bob Morgan for the beautifully done Certificate of Ordination. There is a feeling of deeper fellowship and respect for that Committee itself as following the counsel of ministers and manuals, it worked through the ordering of the service. There is also a deeper sense of fellowship now with the other ministers of our Congregational Churches and those of other denominations who joined the Laying on of Hands to Ordination. I was gratified that a Roman Catholic Priest, an old friend of Mrs. Thom's family, witnessed the event. There is also a penetrating respect for those who recognizing the sacredness of the occasion were able to be in the congregation. Finally, a heightened respect for the high place of music in Christian worship out of the fine work of Mrs. Neevel, Mr. Patterson and the choir, is mine.

"How does it feel?" It feels good, and wholesome, I think, and not only as seen from man's vantage point but also from that of God whose Spirit was most surely felt in the congregation as well as in the chancel.

DEDICATION SERVICE, October 7, 1956—The new Congregational Parsonage, located at North 1104 Progress in Veradale, was dedicated at the 9:30 and 11 a.m. Worship Services, Dr. Harvey Young, presiding. The Rev. Olaf Stoeve is minister.

PLYMOUTH CHURCH ON KAYO

Since the first Sunday in September, Plymouth Church, Seattle, has been broadcasting live its morning worship service over KAYO 1150, Seattle. For the past year Plymouth has experimented with various times for broadcasting and decided that 11:00 A. M. on Sunday was best. Dr. Martin L. Goslin reports that the church feels through these broadcasts that it is representing the liberal tendencies of our Congregational Christian Churches of the Pacific Northwest.

During the offering each Sunday, Robert Hildebrand, a member of Plymouth, shares with the radio audience comments about the total work of Plymouth and Congregational Churches. The response to the presentation of SOS (Share Our Surplus) resulted in over $400.00 being received from the radio audience.

P. F. Mid-Winter Conferences Planned

The four Pilgrim Fellowship Mid-Winter Conferences will be held in February and March. The theme for the Junior Highs will be "Restricted" and for Senior Highs "The Struggle for the Minds of Men". Those young people in grades 7-8-9 are eligible for the Junior High; Grades 10-11-12, Senior High.

The dates for them are as follows:

Junior High

February 22-24 at Everett.

March 8-10 at Westminister, Spokane.

Senior High

March 22-24 at Kirkland.

March 29-31 at Pullman.

Total registration costs will be $4.50. Each Conference begins with supper on Friday night and closes after church on Sunday morning.

N. B. C. Television Presents:

NBC Television will feature Miss Leila Anderson and the Pilgrim Circuit Rider on January 16, 1958. Arlene Francis' HOME program will show some of the ways that the Board of Home Missions seeks to strengthen our Christian Education work through this 20th Century Circuit Rider.

SCHOOL OF LIFE

The Second Annual Congregatio al School of Life will be sponsore by the churches of the greater S attle area beginning on Wednesda January 9th and continuing for th next five Wednesday nights. Layme and ministers are urged to enlist th members of each church for atten ance for this unique experience. Th roster of dynamic and well qualifie leaders and the exciting subjects o fered should really fill Plymout Church in downtown Seattle. Ea person attending will be eligible t take a course at the seven and eig o'clock hours.

7:00-7:50 P. M.—

"Dangerous Rivals of the Chri tian Faith", the Rev. Ben Bradfor

"The Contribution of the Chri tian Faith to Emotional Health", th Rev. Paul Van Horn.

"What Can I Believe", the Re Donald Lamka.

"Exploring the Old Testament" Dean Edward Lauer.

"Refresher Course on Congrega tionalism", the Rev. Kenneth Clay pool.

8:00-8:50 P. M.—

"The Dynamics of Family Rela tions," Mrs. W. Stanley Gould.

"New Testament Teachings i Present Day Living", Dr. Martin L Goslin.

"The Dynamics of Christian Lead ership", the Rev. Edward Setchko.

"Mission Field USA and th Church in South East Asia", th Rev. Elizabeth McGuffie.

"Christian Human Relations", Dr Wade Carter.

Registration for the five week is only $1.00. For those who ca come for the fellowship supper th cost will be $1.00. The Rev. W. Stan ley Gould is the Dean of the Schoo this year.

The Rev. and Mrs. Paul F. Prui are serving our church in Lowell Paul and Mary Margaret returne to the States on a health furlough from their field work in the Philip pine Islands. They served in the min istry of our churches at Anacortes Summit Park and Guemes Islan previous to going to the Philippine in 1952.

"We Build Together"

rch School children are enlisted to gather food and clothing for the relief of home-
Hungarians and others in a restless world.

Build Together

he Washington Congregational istian Conference is one of the rteen member denominations ch compose the Council of rches. Through this program of ted cooperation in Washington Northern Idaho churches can ak more forcibly and work more ectively. The Council is in effect extension of the local church fur- r and deeper into the life of the mmunity in the accomplishment our divine mission. The work of Council is so varied in its scope so far reaching in its effect only mall portion of its work can be sented here.

A Greater Fellowship

While the Washington-Northern Idaho Council of Churches is autonomous, it is a vital link between the local congregation and the National Council of Churches and the numerous divisions of its work which the Congregational-Christian Church participates in. A strong bond of Christian fellowship is hereby experienced which gives witness to the surrounding community of the family of God.

A Broader Ministry

The Council provides the method whereby churches can adequately render spiritual services to the pub-

U.C.Y.M. Enjoy Fellowship Annual Meeting

lic institutions. During the last session of the Washnigton State Legislature thirty three bills were introduced with Council aid and support which were designed to improve the state corrective institutions, mental hospitals and juvenile services. Without the offices of a cooperative organization through which the many churches of the state can unite in action many vital Christian responsibilities would end in vain hopes. Included in the goals attained during the last session in the legislature was the appointment of full time, trained staff chaplains in the state correctional institutions such as Walla Walla, Monroe, etc. Local pastors were also organized for volunteer service where it was impossible to place staff chaplains.

The Rev. Robert Hicks leads worship service for inmates at County jail.

To keep abreast of the ever chan ing life of social and government agencies which serve the people the state civic and legislative affai committees maintain a vigilant an watchful eye on public affairs.

New Churches Must Be Built

Vigorous steps must be taken keep abreast of the rapidly expan ing population within the stat With our state population expecte to reach 3,000,000 persons by 196 at a rate of growth almost thre times the national average, a we

The Eastgate building committee meet with its architect, Robert Durham. Eastgate Church was established under comity agreement within the Council of Churches

devised plan must be followed in co-operation with other church denominations to prevent duplication and to assure the greatest results possible. A number of inadequately churched areas have asked for help which must be given on a plan of long range development. With 33% of our present population holding membership in churches within the state coming from all religious groups, wise and purposeful planning must be made to successfully enlist the 67% so far unreached for Christ and the Church.

The Council conducts research rveys and administers a planning partment on behalf of the particiting denominations in order to der a more effective ministry. A nprehensive plan was provided for adequate churching of rural ng County which resulted in the ating of the new Congregational urch in Eastgate. A similar study s completed in October for the ntral Columbia Basin area.

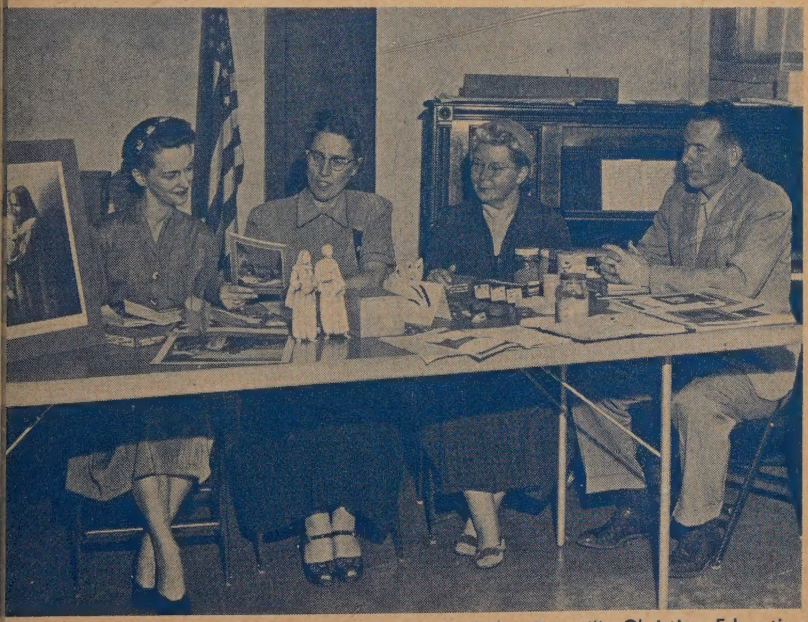
ganized For Prompt Action

The recent tragic situation in ngary which resulted in the flight over 80,000 across the borders inAustria where they looked to the e world and the Christian world help required prompt action. This d pulled hard on the heart of the rches to lend a sympathetic hand. great an effort must be organiz- The Council of Churches office given untold hours in organizing d helping to meet the need. Cloth- has been gathered, food has been lected, the need has been publi- ed, assurances of homes and a job e been solicited—all through the nbined efforts of all of the rches. Church World Service, an ncy of the Council, has been glorious in its readiness to grasp the situation and move hastily to prevent further human suffering and loss of life.

Of course the need did not begin with the Hungarian situation. There has been a constant need to help unfortunate people from other areas of the world. To meet this need Sunday School classes, youth groups, women's associations, social clubs and others have throughout the year responded to the appeal for supplies.

Christians Are Citizens Too

The corporate will and conscience of the church must at times find effective expression in the society of which it is a part. Never the product of partisan motive yet always it must be the evidence of a Christian concern. To effect this goal the Council conducts Legislative Conferences which enables the members of churches to become informed citizens in respect to both legislation and legislators. The next conference is scheduled for February 3 and 4 in Olympia. Representatives are welcomed from local churches as well as delegates appointed by denominations. The Council will be glad to supply further information.



ation Church School institutes are a vital part of the Council's Christian Education gram.

The Council Unites The Women Of The Church

Across Washington and Northern Idaho 46 councils of United Church Women are carrying on a cooperative program, the effect of which is felt around the world. In 125 communities the Council women led in participating in a World Day of Prayer which yoked them with the women of 134 other nations. With untold millions of women united in prayer on a single day and with a single purpose a force could be released which may change the course of human history.

The Council gives leadership to Women's organizations also on World Community Day and May Fellowship Day. The principal project of the women is the ministry to the migrants. With 65,000 migrants annually entering the state in the search for seasonal work, a great number are victims of poverty, ill health and spiritual deprivation. A mobile chapel car this year was used widely in Yakima and Central Columbia area. Two full-time migrant missionaries and three summer-time workers are employed to serve in the most densely populated areas of the state.

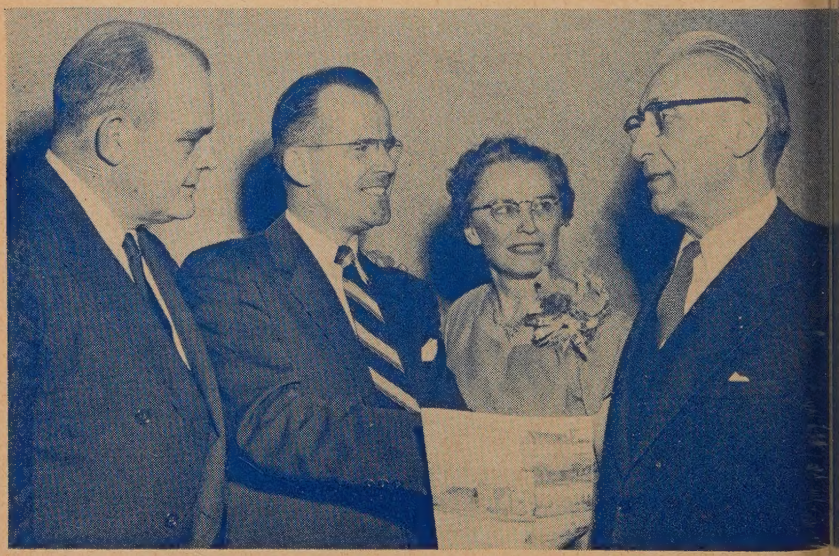
And Other Varied Services

Extensive leadership is given the churches in Christian Education. Across the state church school leaders have been trained in the eight Leadership Training Schools held with a total of over 1500 teachers in attendance. Community problems like juvenile delinquency are forcefully met when the church can unite on a community wide basis to discover a Christian answer.

Modern methods of teaching are brought to the church by the Audio Visual Department of the Council. Institutes were held in 12 of the cities of the state with 221 different churches participating. The primary objective is to help leaders in local churches to increase the effectiveness of their teaching.

We All Do Our Share

The program of the Council is financially supported by individual Christians, local churches, denominations and business firms. A strong continuous program can be assured as the result of strong development of all four sources. The annual budget, currently being prepared will be approximately $155,000 for 1957.



Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, President of the National Council of Churches, discusses the plans of the Washington-Northern Idaho Council with A. Dean Osterberg, Associate General Secretary, Gertrude L. Apel, General Secretary and Paul J. Raver, member of the Executive Board.

JANUARY 1957—A MONTH FOR ADVANCE

The Advance Booth at General Council

:he Conferences across the United ites are cooperating in the promo- ı of our denominational magazine ing the month of January which eatured as ADVANCE MONTH. would like to suggest that each rch in the Washington Confer- e join in a nation-wide effort to **ADVANCE** into 10,000 more gregational Christian homes this r.

Iow can we do it?

n consultation with your minister the **Advance** representative in r church make plans for an **AD- NCE** Sunday soon.

Vrite to **ADVANCE** at 219 rth Avenue, New York 10, New k for sample copies and a supply promotional leaflets. There are new subscription envelopes de- ned for use in church pew racks. licize **ADVANCE** in your church ough the calendar and announce- ıts in organization meetings. ke colorful posters using **AD- NCE** covers, pictures and stories. e **Advance,** December 14, page Missionary Education commit- in some churches do this most ctively.

Family Night supper gives an ellent time to introduce **AD- NCE** to your people. **ADVANCE** e mats at 1½ cents apiece may ordered from the above address be used for luncheons and suppers. Your representative should be at an announced spot to accept subscriptions after the supper or meeting.

In some churches Every Member Canvass teams take sample copies of **ADVANCE** on their calls and accept subscriptions because they feel it pays real dividends in better informed members. In some cases **ADVANCE** is included on the pledge card. In other churches, on a given Sunday afternoon, Pilgrim Fellowship young people go out in pairs to every home in the parish to secure subscriptions.

Many churches give each of their church officers and church-school teachers a one-year gift subscription. Others give a subscription to each family that joins the church. Many consider **ADVANCE** an ideal gift for their young people in the armed services. Persuade your board of deacons or trustees or the committee on Our Christian World Mission to put **ADVANCE** gift subscriptions into the budget. Some parents with young people at college help them keep in touch with what our churches are doing by subscribing in their names.

However you do it, we are counting on you to make

JANUARY 1957 — ADVANCE MONTH

A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION FOR YOUR CHURCH

"Sponsoring a Refugee Family"

The Karl F. Pestl Family

The sponsoring of the Karl Pestl Family has been a wonderfully rewarding experience for the Fauntleroy Congregational Church. This German - Czechoslovakian family was chosen from the dosiers sent to us because Mr. Pestl's mechanical background more easily fit our ability to provide work for the family.

They were brought into the United States through the Church's Social Action Committee, whose Co-Chairmen are Jim and Gerry Gilman. They were sponsored by Byron "Uncle Barney" and Helen Million, members of the Committee.

Money was raised by the members of the Church Couple's Clubs from five showings of the picture "Martin Luther", and became known as the Pestl Fund. Even the little children became very enthusiastic to bring Karen (11 years) and Luder (9 years) to live with us in Seattle. Letters were written in German from the Pestls and answered in English. We all felt we knew our family and were anxious to meet them.

On July 9, 1956, the Northern Pacific train pulled into the Seattle Station and four tired and somewhat bewildered people were met by their new friends. There was some difficulty understanding each other, but Karl and Kitty Pestl both spoke very understandable English. The children understood English, but wouldn't venture to speak it at first. They had been studying it in school. **The Pestl's sole material possessions were two suitcases and an overstuffed shopping bag.**

The Gilmans opened their home to the new family and even though German was a very unfamiliar tongue to them, sign language, a dictionary, and lots of friendly laughter solved the problems. Uncle Barney and Helen Million took over the gathering of clothes, furniture, and food; and they have continued to watch the Pestls' needs.

A job was located for Karl at Isaacson Iron Works as a machinist at a good starting wage, and a house was rented at the High Point Housing Project of the Seattle Housing Authority and thanks to the enthusiastic generosity of the congregation and friends outside the congregation the house was completely furnished even to radio, electric washer, electric mixer and all the household necessities. The Pestls' pleasure was as great as the donors' pleasure in giving.

'he first Sunday in Seattle the gregation held a reception be- ›en services so that all could et the wonderful family they had nsored.

Irs. Pestl has been kept busy ng housework by the hour and family has moved into the old sonage next to the church. Karl he caretaker of the church and ong other things makes the last nds after he gets home from his ngshift job. They are active in church affairs. They have be- ne typical Americans in just a months. They have already ght a TV on time payments and feel they could start to buy ir car.

he children have done very well school. Karen is second highest ner class, and both children now ak excellent English. They have n acquired bicycles and no longer they the "refugee family". Karl Kitty have joined our church it is a proud and glorious feel- for many folks.

n looking back over our experi- e and comparing it with the eriences of other refugee families their sponsors we would like to te some observations.

his was a venture that was red by several people at the su- visory level and in turn shared the entire congregation. We have erved an unhappy situation where sponsor, the job guarantor and Social Action Committee or its ivalent were all the same people failure on any part meant fail- of the whole operation and an appy family.

y sharing the work and the sure of responsibility among ministers, a pair of sponsors a Social Action Committee the ilts have been a blessing to all cerned for the Fauntleroy Con- gational Church. We have al- ly requested dosiers on another ily.

TRANSLATION

Congregational Christian vice Committee, Inc., ew York

r Mrs. Kampman:

would not like to miss this op- unity to let you know how well are doing here in Seattle. After all the years of distress and despair the sun finally is shining for us. I would like to write more about that. Actually I could do it in English, but in German it will go quicker. I am using the typewriter of the Congregational Community Church in Fauntleroy to whose staff I belong, being a caretaker.

Our reception in Seattle on July 9th was overwhelming, the ministers, sponsors and members of the church met us at the station and brought us in a triumph to West Seattle. After a week I got a job as a machinist in a big iron-plant. I make $90.00 a week. Shortly after that I got a cheap apartment in a City Housing Project and then we got a shower of household items as a result of an appeal to church members: three bedrooms were completely furnished, the dining room, the living room, all kinds of linen; concerning household appliances from an automatic washing machine, a Mixmaster, percolator, plates, cups to silver cutlery, pots and pans. Since 1½ months I became caretaker of the church. This goes with a free seven room house, besides that I earn $40.00 per month. My wife works three days a week, and so you see—we live like royalty.

We already bought a refrigerator, a 21 inch TV and a living-room set, we are repaying our ocean transportation costs to Church World Service and to our church in Seattle. You know, sometimes, we feel that all this is just a dream, but then again we realize that all this has actually happened to us, that we are Americans now. My sponsors, the ministers and all church members are so nice to us, we have many friends and visitors. They say we speak an excellent English. The children are doing very well at school and are no longer any different from other kids.

We thank you many, many times for all your efforts on our behalf. Please mention it also to the Church in Seattle. We shall never forget that for all this we have to thank only you and hope to become good Americans.

Gratefully yours,

Karl F. Pestl & Family,
9262 California Avenue,
Seattle 16, Washington.

ACROSS ONE HUNDRED YEARS

The Rev. S. B. Chase, retired Congregational minister, early-day YMCA worker and one-time superintendent of the North Idaho Children's Home in Lewiston, observed his 100th birthday Monday, Nov. 19, 1956.

He now makes his home with his daughter, Mrs. Florence Arnold, in Walla Walla.

What was going on in the world back in 1856 when the centenarian was born? Well, for one thing the Republican party had nominated its first national ticket, slavery was an issue in Kansas, Abolitionist John Brown had come to the fore and Franklin Pierce was then president. The first railroad locomotive had crossed the first bridge over the Mississippi River from Rock Island, Ill., to Davenport, Iowa.

On the world scene the Crimean war had been brought to a close.

New books published in the year 1856 were by such authors as Charles Dickens, Horatio Alger Jr., Herman Melville and W. M. Thackery. And among the babies born that year were same destined to become world famous—Sigmund Freud, Elbert Hubbard, George Bernard Shaw and Woodrow Wilson.

Mr. Chase was born in Vermont, the son of a farmer. Upon graduation from business school he attended Oberlin College in Ohio. He served as a YMCA secretary in the Mid-West and in the mid-nineties went into home missionary work in Lan sing, Michigan.

He organized the Mayflowe Church in Lansing and served a minister for ten years. When change seemed advisable, the Chase debated going to Kansas City c Lewiston, Idaho. They chose Lewis ton and in 1904 came to Pilgrir Church. After a successful ministr in this church he was persuaded t become the organizer of the Chi dren's Home in North Idaho i Lewiston.

In 1918, the Chases resigned an retired to a tract of land at Pecl Idaho. When farm work became to much for them, they disposed of th property and moved to Walla Wall in 1928.

The years have dimmed the eye sight of the aging minister so tha he is no longer able to read, privilege he misses sorely, and hi hearing is impaired. Until recently he enjoyed long walks, which ofte took him downtown. Now he con fines his walking to short distance

"It's lonely, living so long," h muses. "Practically all my friend are gone. There's one woman, schoolmate from Vermont days, wh is still living, but she was muc younger as I recall."

He goes to the First Congrega tional Church most Sundays.

ASK TO SEE YOUR RECORD

Your Conference Committee o Our Christian World Mission ha been using a formula by which ever church in the Conference is given suggested "goal" for giving to O.C W. M. Do you know what that goa is for your church? Your ministe has the information.

In December a mimeographed list ing of all our churches was maile out to each minister showing fo each church: (1) Its suggested (o "formula") goal, (2) Its agreed o "Forward Goal" if it had a Churc Visitation and (3) the "Accepted" goal which was put in the 195 church budget if that was reporte to the Conference Office by Decem ber!

You will be interested in that list ing. Ask your minister for it. Per haps it could be posted on you church bulletin board.

NNUAL MEETING CHECK LIST

Does your church have a check : of items that should come be- e its Annual Meeting? Often nes careful advance planning will sure a better meeting. Here are ne suggestions for this year:

1. Election of official delegates to nual Conference, May 7-8-9, 1957.
2. Election of official delegates to sociation Meetings.
3. Election of Committees for: r Christian World Mission, Chris- n Education, Social Action, Ev- gelism.
4. Election of Every Member Can- ss Chairman.
5. Election or appointment of a airman and/or Correspondent for Congregational Way and Ad- nce.
6. Voting a five year pledge to urch Extension.
7. Official acceptance of an O. C.- M. goal.

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acation Church School Texts

The new Vacation Church School ts for 1957 will soon all be ilable. The Interdenominational operative series, published jointly the major Protestant Denomina- ns has as its theme for this year, ider Relationships". All mate- ls are the very latest being pub- ned especially for this summer. scriptive leaflets can be secured m the Conference Office. The ma- ials can all be ordered from Pil- m Press, 19 S. La Salle, Chicago Illinois.

Kindergarten: **Friends Near and r** by Juanita Purvis—Teacher's t $1.25, Pupil's 30c.

Primary: **Our Families** by Fran- Taltavull—Teacher's Text $2.50, pil's 40c.

Junior: **Meet Your Neighbors** by n Abernethy — Teacher's Text 75, Pupil's 40c.

Junior High: **God's World and rs** by Louise and Warren Grif- ns—Teacher's Text $1.25, Pupil's .

All these materials are written a two week school and are highly ommended by John H. Gibson, nference Minister of Christian ucation. Under the sponsorship of the Council of Churches twenty Vacation Church School Institutes will be held from April 1-5.

1957 Local Church Evangelism Goals

"When we set goals, we moved forward. When we didn't, we lagged." This has been the experience of many of our local churches in the field of evangelism as well as in other areas. These goals have been most helpful when they were made **specific** and **measurable.**

At your church's annual meeting, will you try setting for yourselves such goals as these:

1. "SELF-STUDY" — To utilize one full evening in conducting a thorough-going Self-Study (write the Conference Evangelism Committee for materials) of our church's life in all its aspects, seeking to discover the **evangelistic potential** of our congregation and its organizations. Set a definite date!

2. "BEYOND - THE - FRINGE" OUTREACH—To make use of lay Christians personally to carry the Christian message to those **outside the circle** of our church's fellowship, and to invite them to enter the fellowship in our church. Decide on a date and specific method!

3. MEMBERSHIP PREPARATION—To improve in specifically described ways our program of **instruction** and **reception** of new members.

4. MEMBERSHIP INCREASE—To increase our church's active membership by a **definite percentage** during the coming year. You name it!

YOUTH WEEK

Beginning with the last Sunday in January and continuing through February 2nd, Youth Week will be observed throughout all Protestant Churches. In many of the churches of our Conference the young people will lead the morning worship service on January 27th. Throughout the week special observances will be held in the church pointing up the place of the total youth program in the work of the Church. "Consider Your Call" is the very appropriate theme for this national observance this year.

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